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\$8 MILLION A YEAR SOUGHT FOR LANDFILL "HOST"

HONOLULU – DECEMBER 1, 2003 – COUNCILMEMBER MIKE GABBARD HAS introduced a resolution requesting the Administration to develop a plan to give the community chosen for the City's next landfill a minimum of \$8 million annually for area benefits such as roads improvements, parks, and schools.

Resolution 03-344 was introduced in the wake of the City's Blue Ribbon Landfill Siting Task Force recommendations announced today. The recommendations include four possible new municipal solid waste landfill sites: Ameron Quarry, Maili, Makaiwa Valley, and Nanakuli B. The City Council has until June 1, 2004 to choose a site and is not bound by the recommendations.

"I strongly oppose the next landfill being located in District 1 – we've carried Oahu's burden for the last 15 years," Gabbard said. "But wherever the next landfill is located, the neighboring community must be compensated with additional improvement projects money to offset the nuisance. This is the right thing to do, whether the landfill is located in Wai'anae, Kailua, or Hawaii Kai. We all need to recognize that Oahu's opala is not just the responsibility of one community, but the responsibility of us all."

The resolution calls for the Administration to devise a method to determine the geographic boundaries of the host community. It also requests that an independent panel of host community citizens oversee allocation of the \$8 million to area projects. The resolution stipulates that criteria be developed to decide what projects will be eligible for impact fee money.

Gabbard said the impact fee money might come from a combination of sources including a guaranteed share of City capital improvement program (CIP) monies, a dedicated portion of landfill tipping fees, federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, general fund monies, or a new solid waste impact surcharge.

The draft plan is to be presented to the City Council by March 31, 2004 and finalized no later than September 1, 2004. Gabbard was joined by Councilmembers Gary Okino, Nestor Garcia, Donovan Dela Cruz, and Ann Kobayashi in introducing the measure.

Copies of Resolution 03-344 are available at the City Clerk's office or by calling Gabbard's office at 547-7001.